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OPTIMISM

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GREEK PRIME MINISTER CONSTANTINE CARAMANLIS
HAS WELCOMED TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S EXPRESSION OF WILLING-
NESS TO MOVE FORWARD IN RESOLVING PEACEFULLY THE OUTSTANDING DIF-
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FERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS AS WELL AS THE CYPRUS QUESTION.
IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE AP WHICH WAS REPORTED HERE JANUARY 11,
CARAMANLIS MAKES THE FIRST OFFICIAL GOG COMMENT ON THE NEW TURKISH
PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING GREEK-TURKISH RELA-
TIONS. HE REFERRED TO ECEVIT'S REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT HE WOULD
SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS AND SAID THAT THE GOG "NOTES THESE STATE-
MENTS WITH SATISFACTION, ESPECIALLY SINCE THESE PROBLEMS WERE

CREATED DURING MR. ECEVIT'S FIRST PREMIERSHIP."

2. THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO STATE THAT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS GREECE HAS MADE "SPECIFIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS" FOR ACHIEVING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEMS AND FOR RESTORING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, PROPOSALS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAD NOT FOUND A RESPONSE IN ANKARA. CARAMANLIS CONCLUDED, "I HOPE THAT THE ACTS OF MR. ECEVIT'S NEW GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY PROVE (TO BE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS DECLARATIONS." THE AP CORRESPONDENT CHARACTERIZED THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER'S TONE AS "CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM".

3. TURKISH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S RECENT STATEMENTS ON GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS AND CYPRUS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE PLAY IN THE GREEK MEDIA. WHILE MEDIA REPORTING ITSELF HAS BEEN GENERALLY STRAIGHTFORWARD, PRESS EDITORIAL COMMENT IN LARGE PART HAS REFLECTED A HIGH DEGREE OF SKEPTICISM, WITH SOME NEWSPAPERS SUSPECTING THAT ECEVIT IS ONLY TRYING TO CREATE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION SO THAT THE US ARMS EMBARGO WILL BE LIFTED. FOR SOME TIME NOW THE GREEK ATTITUDE HAS BEEN, IN EFFECT, "LET THE TURKS SHOW THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS, NOT WORDS," THAT THEY ARE REALLY READY TO DEAL WITH CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISSUES ON A CONSTRUCTIVE BASIS. THIS ATTITUDE IS ALSO REFLECTED IN MEDIA REACTION TO ECEVIT'S RECENT REMARKS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: WE EXPECT THE GOG WILL CONTINUE TO BE RESERVED AND CAUTIOUS IN ITS OFFICIAL REACTIONS TO ECEVIT'S CONFIDENTIAL

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AND NEW GOT'S STATEMENTS. WITH PRACTICALLY NO MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS FOR OVER THREE YEARS NOW, FOR WHICH THEY BLAME THE TURKS AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS, THE GREEKS ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH ONLY VERBAL EXPRESSIONS OF TURKISH INTEREST IN REACHING A SOLUTION BUT ARE INSISTING ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND ACTIONS. MOREOVER THEY ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER ECEVIT WILL BE ABLE TO MUSTER SUFFICIENT SUPPORT TO BE ABLE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AND GREEK-TURKISH ISSUES. THUS, AS FAR AS THE GREEK ARE CONCERNED, THE BALL IS STILL IN THE TURKISH COURT AND THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE NEXT TURKISH MOVE.
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